

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1066

By Matlock

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Bud and Shirley Bowden on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 1960, Bud Bowden and Shirley Lynn Sharp were joined in holy matrimony at Kirkwood Primitive Baptist Church in Knoxville, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Bowden have been highly respected citizens of their community for over fifty years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Lynn Sharpe Bowden is a 1957 graduate of Farragut High School and a daughter of the late Ambrose and Freda Weaver Sharp of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Bud Bowden is a 1955 graduate of Lenoir City High School and the son of the late Mason Dewey and Myrtle Bowman Bowden of Lenoir City; and

WHEREAS, retiring in 1992, Mr. Bowden served with acumen and alacrity as an employee of the United States Postal Service for thirty-three years, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement, Mr. Bowden also worked for Matlock Tire and Click Funeral Home; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced two children, each of whom has excelled in his or her particular field of endeavor; the Bowdens' children are Cathy Bowden Moore and Mike Bowden; and

WHEREAS, the Bowdens are also the proud grandparents of four treasured grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the Bowdens are longtime members of First Baptist Church Concord, which Bud Bowden has served faithfully as a Deacon for many years; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Bowdens' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Bud and Shirley Bowden on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.